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1. SUMMARY. AS A RESULT FURTHER CONTACTS THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE AFTER MISSION TRANSMITTED U.S. VIEWS IN REFTEL A TO SECRETARIAT AND TURKISH AMBASSADOR TO OECD, OECD MISSION, HEADED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WOOTTON, AND INCLUDING CONSORTIUM CHAIRMAN GIEL, WILL ARRIVE ANKARA APRIL 2. WOOTTON INTENDS THIS TO BE FACT-FINDING MISSION TO DEVELOP INFORMATION NECESSARY

FOR VARIOUS MEETINGS THAT MIGHT BE ARRANGED IN TURKISH CONSORTIUM CONTEXT, BUT STARTING WITH INFORMAL MULTILATERAL CONTACTS. WHILE WOOTTON HAS SOME PRELIMINARY IDEAS ON WHAT MIGHT BE POSSIBLE SCHEDULE OF FOLLOW-UP MEETINGS, NO FIRM PLANS HAVE BEEN MADE. VARIOUS BILATERAL AND OTHER CONTACTS ARE ENVISIONED AFTER MISSION RETURNS, INCLUDING WOOTTON'S VISIT TO WASHINGTON APRIL 6 - 7. LINE TO BE TAKEN BY OECD MISSION TO ANKARA LARGELY CONSISTENT WITH REFTEL A. END SUMMARY

2. MISSION CONVEYED INSTRUCTIONS REF A TO OECD DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WOOTTON, TURKISH PERMREP AYTUR, AND TURKISH CONSORTIUM SECRETARY KUEHN. AFTER VARIOUS CONSULTATIONS THAT WERE HELD, PARTICULARLY BETWEEN SECRETARIAT AND AYTUR, AFTER RECEIPT OF U.S. VIEWS, OECD SECRETARIAT/TURKISH CONSORTIUM MISSION WILL ARRIVE IN ANKARA APRIL 2. MISSION WILL BE HEADED BY DEPUTY SECRETARY GENERAL WOOTTON AND WILL INCLUDE CONSORTIUM CHAIRMAN GIEL, CONSORTIUM SECRETARY KUEHN. KJELL ANDERSEN, DIRECTOR, COUNTRY STUDIES AND ECONOMIC PROSPECTS BRANCH, AND JOHN HACKETT, DEPUTY DIRECTOR, FINANCIAL AND FISCAL AFFAIRS DEPARTMENT OF OECD SECRETARIAT. WOOTTON AND ANDERSEN, AND PERHAPS OTHER MEMBERS OF MISSION, WILL PROBABLY RETURN LATE APRIL 5, BUT AT LEAST KUEHN WILL STAY ON FOR A FEW CONFIDENTIAL.

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MORE DAYS FOR MORE IN-DEPTH ANALYSIS OF ECONOMIC SITUATION.

- 3. ACCORDING TO WOOTTON, HE WILL BE TAKING A LINE WITH TURKISH AUTHORITIES THAT IS LARGELY CONSISTENT WITH VIEWS WE EXPRESSED IN ACCORDANCE REFTEL A. ON SUBSTANCE, HE WILL TAKE A "TOUGH ATTITUDE" IN SENSE OF SENSITIZING TURKS TO IMPORTANCE TO BE FORTHCOMING WITH INFORMATION AND TO TAKE REALISTIC ATTITUDE IN COMING TO GRIPS WITH THEIR PROBLEMS. HE WILL ALSO MAKE IT CLEAR THAT MISSION ONLY REPRESENTS THE SECRETARIAT AND CANNOT SPEAK ON BEHALF OF MEMBER COUNTRIES. IN THIS SENSE, HOWEVER, HE MIGHT UNDERTAKE TO CONVEY TURKISH VIEWS TO OECD MEMBERS, FOR EXAMPLE, PREFERENCE BY TURKS TO HANDLE DEBT RESCHEDULING QUESTIONS IN OECD.
- 4. WOOTTON DOES NOT HAVE DEFINITIVE PROPOSALS ON TIMING OF VARIOUS INFORMAL AND FORMAL MEETINGS THAT MIGHT FOLLOW HIS MISSION. HE WILL, HOWEVER, MAKE CLEAR TO THE TURKS THAT IT WILL TAKE TIME TO DEVELOP INFORMATION AND TO WRITE APPROPRIATE

REPORTS SO THAT A MEETING WITH REPRESENTATIVES FROM CAPITALS IS NOT REALISTIC AS EARLY AS APRIL 10.

WOOTTON FEELS, HOWEVER, THAT, PARTICULARLY IF TURKS CONTINUE TO ATTACH IMPORTANCE TO APRIL 10 DATE, HE MIGHT RECOMMEND HOLDING AN INFORMATION MEETING ON THAT

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DATE (OR AROUND THAT DATE) WHEN OECD MISSION TO TURKEY MIGHT BRIEF PERMANENT DELEGATIONS ON RESULTS OF MISSION, AS WELL AS TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ON A PAPER ON TURKISH SHORT-TERM DEBT WHICH SECRETARIAT HOPES TO BE ABLE TO DISTRIBUTE BY THAT TIME.

5. BROADER SECRETARIAT PAPER ON STATUS OF TURKISH SITUATION COULD NOT BE AVAILABLE BEFORE APRIL 20, AND CONFIDENTIAL

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THUS WOOTTON IS TENTATIVELY AIMING AT AN INFORMAL MEETING AMONG TURKISH CONSORTIUM MEMBERS FROM CAPITALS PERHAPS IN EARLY MAY. ONE POSSIBILITY HE HAS MENTIONED IS HAVING AN INFORMAL MEETING SCHEDULED BACK-TO-BACK WITH A FORMAL MEETING THAT MIGHT BE HELD ON FOLLOWING DAY. ON THE OTHER HAND, IF INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS REGARDING RESTRUCTURING OF THE CONSORTIUM MIGHT REQUIRE A GREATER INTERVAL BETWEEN AN INFORMAL MEETING AND THE FORMAL MEETING, THIS COULD ALSO BE CONTEMPLATED.

- 6. IN ANY EVENT, WOOTTON FORESEES THAT AFTER HIS MISSION COMES BACK FROM TURKEY THERE WOULD BE ACTIVE CONTACTS BILATERALLY AND AMONG DELEGATIONS ON HOW TO PROCEED NEXT. IN THIS CONNECTION, WOOTTON PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON APRIL 6 7 AND WILL BE AVAILABLE FOR CONSULTATIONS ON TURKEY WITH USG OFFICIALS. HE ALSO SUGGESTS THAT IT MIGHT BE WORTHWHILE FOR GIEL, AND PERHAPS OTHERS, TO VISIT WASHINGTON, AROUND APRIL 27 28.
- 7. FYI FOR ANKARA. GIVEN DELICACY OF WOOTTON'S POSITION AS U.S. NATIONAL, WOOTTON DOES NOT PLAN TO INITIATE ANY CONTACTS WITH AMEMBASSY ANKARA. HE WILL BE STAYING AT THE BYUUK ANKARA HOTEL, AND CAN BE REACHED THERE IN CASE OF NEED. END FYI SALZMAN

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